

**Welcome to Church of Christ**  
**March 9, 2025 ~ First Sunday in Lent**  
*We are honored to worship God with you today!*

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 95) ~Heather Thomson

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great Sovereign above all gods.  
In God's hands are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains.

**People: The sea and dry land belong to God, all formed by the Lord's hands.  
O come, let us worship and bow down before God!**

Leader: The Lord is our God, and we are the sheep of God's hand.  
O that today we would listen to the Lord's voice!

**All: O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

**Hymn 35** *Morning Has Broken* (Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Vs 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Vs 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

**Guided Meditation and Silent Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (our debtors). And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

**Anthem** *Above All Else* - J. Raney

**Scripture:** Luke 10:25-37 ~Heather Thomson

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength

and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

**Sermon**        “Our Cosmic Neighborhood”

**Hymn 601**     *Dear Christ, Uplifted from the Earth*                    (*Worship and Rejoice*)

Vs 1 Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth, your arms stretched out above through every culture, every birth, to draw an answering love.

Vs 2 Still east and west your love extends and always, near and far, you call and claim us as your friends and love us as we are.

Vs 3 Where age and gender, class and race, divide us to our shame, you see a person and a face, a neighbor with a name.

Vs 4 May we, accepted as we are, yet called in grace to grow, reach out to others, near and far, your healing love to show.

**Light of Service**     *Silver Lake Scholarship Fund*                    ~David Camphouse

We have a chance to offer financial gifts in support of Spirit-led work. Undesignated gifts go to the recipient named above. Please use the white envelopes in the pews to designate giving otherwise. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our LOS recipients.

Thank you!

**Offertory**        *Call to Lent* - arr. J. J. Williams

**Doxology** (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

## Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates

## Sharing Prayer Concerns

## Silent Prayer and Meditation

## Pastoral Prayer

### Hymn 255 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I gladly take my stand - the very shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land, a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Vs 2 Upon that cross of Jesus my eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me; and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess - the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

Vs 3 I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face, content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

## Our Common Commission

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Benediction

## Postlude

Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

**We gladly list these prayer concerns** and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information. If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick (860-303-0910, [reverendole@gmail.com](mailto:reverendole@gmail.com)).

Members needing our prayers: Patty Cammilletti; Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse; Peter Coffeen; Linda Creedon; Bonnie Greenwood; Holly Kelsey; Will Kelsey; Arlene Patten; Dan Patten; Cindy Sinclair; John Thew

Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends: Annattie P.; Eric; Jo; Kelly; Donna Aakjar (Nancy Perry's sister); Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte); Jay Atkinson; Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend); Marcia Brenizer (Jen Pfaltz's mother); Denis Combes (Jason Combes' father); Nancy Foster; John Funchion; Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen's aunt and uncle); Judy Green;

Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son); Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin); Jim Korner (Liz Wilbur's brother); Bethany Lee; Lynne Martin (Ruth Adotte); Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte); Jackie Nocotera; (Bill Patrick (Lyn's husband) and family; Rev. Kenric and Debby Prescott; Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams); Desi Smith (Bonnie Greenwood); Ryan Sterba; Rob Thew; Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister); Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock); Judi Welch

Those who are grieving the families of: Donna Aakjar; Robert Battis; Bonnie Ferrell; Stephen Getz; George Green; Jackie Hamad; Serena Livingston; John Marinelli; Don Martin; Will Martin; Will Minton; Avery Nelson; Sue Pratt; Mary Sager

In the wider community: Leigh Cappabianca (missionary in Turkey); Laura Smith (missionary in Venezuela); The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine - and all enduring ongoing violence; the people of Syria, particularly the Christian community.